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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Limited trading on open priced toms was reported for prompt ship- ping. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to adequate. Parts and meats market tone was steady. Trading was slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light to adequate. Fewer stores feature turkey this week, but the activity index is higher due to multiple ads at many stores.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand was in a full range, with interest noted from Russia, Caribbean and Mexico. Offerings ranged from short to adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPT 27, 2007**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	92-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	92-96	96	96.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	92-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	92-96	95	95.00	20	-	-	-	40	SEP
CENTRAL REGION	92-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	SEP
WESTERN REGION	92-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	92-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	92-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
CENTRAL REGION	92-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	SEP
WESTERN REGION	92-96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEP 28, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF SEPT	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	93.60 **	93.00	86.50 **	EASTERN REGION	93.12	89.70	84.40
CENTRAL REGION	95.31	92.62	86.50 **	CENTRAL REGION	93.03	89.05	84.43
WESTERN REGION	93.40 **	92.50 **	86.50 **	WESTERN REGION	92.47	89.41	84.43
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	95.00	94.00 **	86.50 **	EASTERN REGION	93.20	89.33	84.23
CENTRAL REGION	93.00	93.00	86.00 **	CENTRAL REGION	92.66	88.59	83.93
WESTERN REGION	93.50 **	93.00 **	86.00 **	WESTERN REGION	92.79	89.11	83.98

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<b>RANGE</b>
TURKEYS Y HENS	129-140
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	125-140
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	125-140
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	125-140
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	125-140

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L. A. AREA) PROCESSED  
TURKEY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<b>RANGE</b>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	103-112
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-112
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	100-102
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	100-102
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	100-102

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 01-OCT-2007

<b>Price (cents/lb.)</b>	<b>Volume (lbs.)</b>
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>	
8-16 lbs. 101.23	210,000
16-24 lbs. 101.00	50,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs. --	10,000
16-24 lbs. --	5,000

**Total Volume: 275,000**

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 22-SEP-07 (Preliminary)

	<b>-----Young turkeys-----</b>			<b>Old</b>	<b>Total turkeys</b>	
	<b>Pct Chg</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Banded</b>		<b>Avg</b>	
<b>-Thousand Head-</b>	<b>Prev wk</b>	<b>Live wt</b>	<b>--Thousand head--</b>	<b>Live wt</b>		
North East	776	6	23.98	(A)	781	23.98
South Atlantic	691	-20	30.87	(A)	695	30.87
North Central	2,313	1	32.52	(A)	2,317	32.52
South Central	734	-6	18.56	(A)	738	18.56
West	351	45	25.51	(A)	355	25.51
U.S. total	4,865 (B)	-1	28.31	21	4,886	28.31
To-date						
2007	174,461 (B)			202	174,663	
To-date						
2006	170,463 (B)			178	170,641	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date 876,000; for last year to date 908,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(In thousand pounds)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	496,965*
September 1 - 22, 2007	315,552*

To date 2007	3,870,403*
To date 2006	3,817,723*

\*Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 22-SEP-2007 (Preliminary)

	<b>Young</b>	<b>Young</b>	<b>Old</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Hens</b>	<b>Toms</b>	<b>Breeders</b>	<b>Turkeys</b>	
	<b>-----Thousands-----</b>				
Head	2,036	2,801	28	21	4,886
Avg Wt	16.38	36.99	27.15	28.41	28.31
Last week	2,112	2,753	52	2	4,919
Same wk yr ago	1,981	2,585	17	1	4,584
Avg Wt	18.02	36.73	25.99	61.42	28.61
To-date/2007	74,731	98,854	876	202	174,663
To-date/2006	72,927	96,628	908	178	170,641

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 SEPTEMBER 2007.

The market tone on rib breasts was mostly steady to fully steady with 4-8 lb. sizes strongest. Demand on commodity 4-8 lb. breasts was light to instances moderate. Offerings were limited due in part to an active rotisserie breast demand and an emphasis on bagging whole turkeys to the upcoming November holidays. Institutional breast demand was moderate to instances good. Offerings light. Trading slow. For domestic (Grade A breasts): 8-10 lb. 140, 10-12 lb. - basted 176 and non-basted 180, 16-18 lb. 195, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. 179 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	130.00		130.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00-161.00		158.71	21
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	60.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	58.25	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	58.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	58.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	69.00	21
NECKS, TOM		T	55.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	287.00		287.00	120
THIGH MEAT		F	88.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	95.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	227.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	250.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	19.17	240
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	60.00		60.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	49.00		49.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	62.00	104
TAILS	25.50		25.50	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	17.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00-92.00		90.30	92

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to barely steady, balance of fresh white meat generally steady. Fresh white meat demand light to moderate with instances of buyers canceling loads of fresh tom breast meat noted for October. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to instances fully adequate mostly adequate, balance of fresh white meat generally adequate. The market tone on frozen white meat was barely steady to weak on scapula, steady to barely steady on destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin, balance mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of frozen scapula adequate to burdensome, frozen destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate, frozen tom breast meat spotty. Trading was slow to instances moderate and centered on fresh tom breast meat. For domestic: tails 28, fresh wing meat with skin 94-97 mostly 94, scapula - fresh 116, frozen -6 months age 92 November shipments, Grade A non-basted breasts - 8-10 lb. 140, 10-12 lb. 180, 14-18 lb. 195, 18 lb. and heavier 200 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	130.00	40	130.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.71	21	158.71	21
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	118.50		118.50	80	118.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	59.00-60.00		59.41	17	59.41	17
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	59.00		59.00	40	57.78	360
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	60.00		60.00	20	59.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00-49.00		47.67	93	47.67	93
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	58.00	20	58.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	69.00	21		
NECKS, TOM	56.00-57.00		56.50	8	55.43	28
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	287.00-289.00		287.75	192	287.98	472
THIGH MEAT	90.00		90.00	2	90.00	2
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	95.50		95.50	20	95.63	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	227.00	40	227.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	250.00		250.00	10	250.00	130
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00-20.00		19.83	96	19.90	521
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	60.00	160	58.35	536
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	49.00	40	48.60	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	62.00	104		
TAILS		R	25.50	52	26.16	166
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	17.50	208	17.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	90.30	92	90.30	92

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